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Re: Public Comment on Proposed Modifications

Dear Mr. Tedder,

November 2, 2015

Thank you for speaking with me earlier today to discuss the MS4 reporting requirements.

I would like to take this opportunity to reiterate that the concerns outlined in the first portion of the public comment period dated August of 2013 still remain. Hampstead's main concern at this point is the EPA's reliance that the MS4 communities potentially "cause or contribute" to water quality violations. There is no factual data to support this claim. As such, the towns will be required to comply with extensive testing and reporting requirements without adequate data.

According to Appendix H, Hampstead will have to undertake extensive reporting, screening and monitoring of Nitrogen and Phosphorus. This is without the benefit of having data from which the Town can chart any benefit derived from such activities. The requirement to install a minimum of one structural BMP within the drainage area may be cost prohibitive and/or ineffective. As you are already aware, some of the "impairments" are causally related to nature. Try as we may to reduce any impairments, it may be impossible due to nature.

As it relates to Appendix F (*Escherichia coli*), Hampstead expresses the same concerns listed above and would like to add that bacteria levels are cyclical due to the activities of the lake. It is difficult to rely on data that is forever changing.

Finally, the Town of Hampstead supports those arguments outline by the NH Small MS4 Coalition, which was submitted by its representing attorney.

Regards,



Sally Theriault, CPM

AA , Town of Hampstead